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RE: Settlement of U.S. v. Microsoft

I am active in the technology business and I am writing in full support of the settlement of this case. My company uses technology more and more each and every day.

I believe that strong competition in the computer and software business leads to better products for consumers and businesses. This proposed settlement corrects the findings found by the court and protects the consumer.

I think approving this settlement will send a clear message to the technology sector of our economy. The message will be that competition is alive and the place to compete is in the marketplace, not the courtroom.

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Sincerely

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